

Mr. President, excuse me, I have amendments to 768 by Senator Chambers to be printed; Senator Lynch to 184; Senator Wesely has amendments to 775 to be printed. (See pages 2066-68 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, Senator Schmit would like to withdraw his motion to withdraw LB 708. Mr. President, Senator Wesely would like to add his name to 561 as co-introducer.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barrett, where do we go from here, please?

SENATOR BARRETT: Mr. President, I am as frustrated as anyone else and I expressed my frustration last week to the group that didn't need the chastisement. I would like to continue. I would like to press on if at all possible. I would like to go into Select File, continue right with the agenda, 126, 474, whatever it is. I would like to work as long as we possibly can. This is to the point where it is absolutely ridiculous. May we proceed, please.

PRESIDENT: Okay, 126, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, General File, LB 126 is a bill introduced by Senator Wesely. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 8, referred to the Health and Human Services Committee for hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President, members, LB 126 is a bill that was introduced to deal with the indigent care problem and disclosure of data. Senator Johnson has a bill, LB 466, which is on General File. I have got a bill still in committee dealing with the funding of indigent care, and Senator Johnson's bill deals with the counties providing the funding with some state support in stress counties. I have a bill that brings the state into some functional responsibility for funding of indigent care. That bill is still pending in committee. We have spent a couple of years studying the issue. The bottom line on the indigent care, medical care issue in this state is that of funding, and to get to the funding issue, one must understand the magnitude of the problem. The problem in reaching that position of knowing the extent of the funding issue is that we haven't had very good data, and even though we have started in on this my first year down here, we have looked